

AMHERST CULTURAL COUNCIL

Fiscal Year 2005

The Commonwealth of Massachusetts through the Massachusetts Cultural Council provides funds through the local cultural councils of each city and town of the Commonwealth to support the arts, humanities and the interpretive sciences. The Amherst Cultural Council distributes our share of these state funds each year to local artists and performers based upon written proposals. We are committed to funding a diversity of projects, both traditional and experimental, which address the interests and needs of children and adults within the unique cultural milieu of Amherst.

This year the FY 05 appropriation from the Commonwealth was again level-funded at \$14,070. In the most recent grant cycle we received 77 requests, totaling \$60,425. Of these, 23 were from the local schools, which typically apply for funds to support students' attendance at theatrical and artistic performances. We were able to increase our appropriation modestly, and the Council awarded a total of 62 grants, for a total of \$15,167. As in years past, awards were made based on the following criteria: those projects which would expand cultural resources within Amherst, those projects which would support existing cultural resources within Amherst, and those projects which would benefit the greatest number of citizens within Amherst.

Citizens wishing to learn more about the Amherst Cultural Council are encouraged to go to <https://www.mass-culture.org>. Select "Find Your LCC," go to "Cities/Towns A-C," and select Amherst. You will be able to find the many programs your Council and the Massachusetts Cultural Council has supported this past year, requirements and deadlines for filing an application to the Council, as well as dates of our fall meetings and other information about the Council. You may also contact any Council members listed below:

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